



CRESTMoor CANYON WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Objective

- Receive information on the proposed Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project
- Adopt resolution authorizing the Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program Budget
- Appropriate \$125,000 from the Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund to initiate project planning and environmental clearance processes



Agenda

- I. Background on the Crestmoor Canyon
- II. Recent Actions Taken to Mitigate and Address
- III. PG&E Community Service Hours
- IV. Request to District Judge William Alsup
- V. Action by City Council
- VI. Questions

Crestmoor Canyon



Background on the Crestmoor Canyon



- Large open space area totaling 76.6 acres
- Wooded, containing some native species (Monterey pine, California live oak, etc.) mostly non-native eucalyptus trees
- Close proximity to several regional and arterial roadways
 - Sneath Lane to the north
 - State Route 35 (Skyline Blvd.) to the west
 - San Bruno Avenue to the south
 - US 280 to the east
- Surrounded by Crestmoor and Rollingwood residential subdivisions
 - Approximately 321 homes
- Within a quarter mile to the west of the Canyon are 1,200 acres of open space (Sweeney Ridge), which is identified as a State Response Area with a high risk of fire

Crestmoor Canyon



Recent Actions Taken to Mitigate and Address



- FY 2018-19:
 - Received \$15,000 California Fire Foundation grant for brush clearing and improved access to the Canyon's fire road
 - Applied for but was not awarded a \$200,000 CalFire Climate Investments Fire Prevention grant for hazard vegetation clearing and wildfire mitigation in the Canyon
- January 2019:
 - City Council approved \$37,000 for a City-wide Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment to identify the level of fire risk and potential fire hazards throughout the City, and to develop an on-going mitigation work plan based on reviewing parcel density, road system complexity, distance to fire stations, and other environmental elements
- FY 2019-20:
 - City Council approved \$75,000 for vegetation management and fire mitigation work in Crestmoor Canyon

Recent Actions Taken to Mitigate and Address





- FY 2019-20...
 - Work to establish a Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project
 - Developed map reflecting 30' and 100' clearance parameters for creating defensible space
 - Obtaining preliminary cost estimates from CalFire and contractors
 - Devising a schedule once the scope of work has been more clearly defined based on the cost estimates
 - Developing an estimate for ongoing maintenance of the Canyon and creating budget strategies for annual funding

Crestmoor Canyon Defensible Space



Distance from Buildings

	30'	225285 Sq Ft	5.17 acres
	100'	590290 Sq Ft	13.55 acres





PG&E Community Service Hours

- In 2017, PG&E was sentenced to complete 10,000 hours of community service as a condition of their probation
- At present, approximately three quarters of the court-mandated hours have been completed, some in San Bruno, but a significant portion within communities elsewhere in San Mateo County
- Discussions and agreement with PG&E for a community benefit project for wildfire mitigation in the Canyon by refocusing the remaining approximately 2,670 community service hours (subject to Court approval)



Request to District Judge William Alsup

- Consider modification of probation order for the funding of a community benefit project, Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project
 - One-time \$3 million payment from PG&E to initiate the Project
 - City to undertake the work through the use of contractors and City personnel

- Additional Details
 - The City should develop a detailed schedule, scope of work, cost estimates, and budget
 - **If approved**, \$3 million should be spent only on vegetation management and fire mitigation to directly benefit San Bruno residents, and not on consultants or any regulatory approvals needed for the project
 - Allocate City resources for the project, and not seek any additional funding through the court for the Project
 - Hearing scheduled for November 12, 2019



Action by City Council

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Crestmoor Canyon Wildfire Mitigation Project in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Budget and Appropriating \$125,000 from the Emergency Disaster Reserve Fund to Initiate Project Planning and Environmental Clearance Processes

Questions

